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REF: A. NICOSIA 2457, DTG 081430Z AUG 75

B. ATHENS 6112, DTG 121754Z AUG 75

1. WE HAVE WELCOMED SUGGESTION OF AN EC-9 INITIATIVE RE CYPRUS BUT HAVE NOT WANTED TO BECOME INVOLVED IN ITS PREPARATION. ACCORDINGLY, WE HAVE NOT MADE ANY FORMAL APPROACH TO THE ITALIANS BUT HAVE BEEN KEPT INFORMALLY BRIEFED ON DEVELOPMENTS, SUCH AS THEY ARE, THROUGH BRITISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.

2. GREEK CHARGE PHONED DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LAINGEN AUGUST 12 TO URGE US SUPPORT FOR EC-9 INITIATIVE. HIS ARGUMENTS WERE SIMILAR TO THOSE MADE TO EMBASSY ATHENS (REF-TEL B). LAINGEN REPLIED THAT USG WOULD WELCOME AN EC-9 CONTRIBUTION THAT MIGHT HELP ACHIEVE PROGRESS ON CYPRUS, BUT ANY SPECIFIC UNDERTAKINGS WOULD HAVE TO BE DETERMINED BY THEM IN LIGHT OF THEIR OWN READING OF THE SITUATION.

3. BRITISH EMBOFF AUGUST 12 INFORMED DEPT (EUR/SE) THAT ITALIAN GOVERNMENT HAD TOLD OTHERS IT WILL BE CIRCULATING SOME SUGGESTIONS IN NEAR FUTURE. HE OBSERVED THAT EC-9 INITIATIVE WAS ORIGINALLY INTENDED TO FILL GAP IN

NEGOTIATING EFFORT AT A TIME WHEN IT WAS THOUGHT THAT LITTLE WOULD COME OF VIENNA III, OR THAT IT MIGHT EVEN BREAK UP WITHOUT ANOTHER MEETING BEING SCHEDULED. RELATIVE SUCCESS OF VIENNA III, HOWEVER, HAD GIVEN MOST OF EC-9 SECOND THOUGHTS. THEY ARE ALSO AWARE THAT TURKISH GOVERNMENT IS NEGATIVE. BRITISH AS WELL AS ITALIAN EMBOFFS HAVE TOLD US THAT EC-9 REPS ANKARA HAVE CONCLUDED THAT TURKISH DISINTEREST WOULD MAKE AN INITIATIVE IN ANKARA COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. EVEN CYPRUS GOVERNMENT, WHILE WELCOMING INITIATIVE, IS MORE INTERESTED IN VIENNA NEGOTIATIONS UNDER AUSPICES OF UNSYG. FURTHERMORE, CYPRUS FONMIN CHRISTOPHIDES, WHO HAD BEEN ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE PROSPECT OF EC-9 REPRESENTATIVES VISITING CYPRUS, WAS NOW LESS SO BECAUSE HE REALIZED THAT THEY WOULD HAVE TO VISIT TURKISH ZONE AND TALK TO DENKTASH DURING ANY SUCH VISIT.

4. BRITISH EMBOFF BELIEVED THAT IN LIGHT OF ABOVE IT WAS CONFIDENTIAL

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LIKELY THAT ANY SERIOUS EC-9 INITIATIVE WOULD BE DELAYED UNTIL AFTER NEXT ROUND OF CYPRUS TALKS IN NEW YORK SEPTEMBER 8-9. HE WAS NOT YET AWARE OF GREEK DEMARCHES TO REVIVE EC-9 INITIATIVE, BUT DID NOT THINK THEY WOULD SWAY EC-9 PARTNERS AGAINST THEIR BETTER JUDGMENT.

5. RE PARA 4 REFTTEL A, WE BELIEVE IT IS BEST AT THIS STAGE TO LET EC-9 PLAN THEIR APPROACHES TO NICOSIA, ATHENS

AND ANKARA, IF ANY, WITHOUT ADVICE FROM USG. KISSINGER

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